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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of :
Mikhail Ivanovich TRIFONOV et al. :
Application No. 09/900,479 :
Filed: July 6, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No. 197-007-USP :

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed November 14, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to submit the issue fee in a timely manner in reply to the Notice of Allowance mailed June 20, 2006, which set a statutory period for reply of three (3) months. Accordingly, by operation of law, the above-identified application became abandoned on September 21, 2006.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of payment of the Issue Fee; (2) the petition fee of \$1500; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the Issue Fee payment is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.


It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant of 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

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37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional." Since the statement appearing in the petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement is being construed as the required statement. Petitioner must notify the Office if this is **not** a correct reading of the statement appearing in the petition.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-7099.

The application file is being referred to the Office of Patent Publication.



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